

I truly believe that competition is what makes commerce work. By not allowing other DSL's to compete, and compete FAIRLY, it creates monopoly. Worse yet, it gives unfair service. I know since my DSL/phone has been going down every few months and typically in the current system has been taking weeks to fix since Verizon hasn't been working fairly with COVAD. Verizon tries to pressure me to switch DSL to Verizon because they are being uncooperative with COVAD, and this type of service just isn't fair! I would gladly elaborate this story if you're interested, feel free to contact me. Allowing fair competition in this area is essential!

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.